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Dear Sir:

I, Peggy J. Farnham, on oath say and declare that:

1. I am the same Peggy J. Farnham who is one of the named inventors of the above-identified patent application. I am currently employed as a Professor of Medical Pharmacology and Toxicology at University of California-Davis (UC-Davis). Before joining the faculty of UC-Davis, I was a Professor of Oncology at McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research at University of Wisconsin-Madison. I obtained my Ph.D degree in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry in 1982 from Yale University and had my postdoctoral training at Stanford University. A copy of my Curriculum Vitae is attached as Exhibit A.

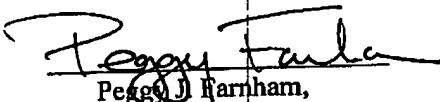
2. I have reviewed the Office Action issued in this matter by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 6, 2006. I understand that claims 11-16 are rejected for the alleged lack of utility and enablement, in part because the Examiner believes that the protein expression level may not correlate with the mRNA level. This Declaration is submitted to provide experimental evidence that the protein defined by SEQ ID NO:4 overexpressed in the liver cancer tissue at the protein level in comparison to the normal liver tissue.

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3. At my direction, and under my supervision, members of my laboratory conducted Western blot analysis of three different pairs of liver tumor tissue and normal adjacent tissue from three different liver cancer patients for the expression of the protein defined by SEQ ID NO:4. Protein samples from the above tissues were analyzed using a 4-20% gradient SDS-PAGE and probed with a monoclonal antibody raised against the protein defined by SEQ ID NO:4. The protein defined by SEQ ID NO:4 runs as a dimer of about 100 Kd in SDS-PAGE reducing gels when DTT or BME is present. As shown in Fig. 1 attached, the protein defined by SEQ ID NO:4 expressed at a much higher level in the liver tumor tissues in comparison to the corresponding normal liver tissues.

4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated this 29 day of March, 2006.


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